(c) Border Roads Organisation has been restructured to provide sufficient manpower along with enhanced budget allocation so as to ensure timely completion.

Statement

Time schedule of completion of roads holding strategie importance

Sl.No.	Year	Number of roads to be completed
1.	2007-2008	11
2.	2008-2009	31
3.	2009-2010	20
4.	2010-2011	33
5.	2011-2012	
6.	2012-2013	20
7.	2013-2014	11
8.	2014-2015	05
9,	2015-2016	06
10.	2016-2017	02
11.	2017-2018	04
12.	2018-2019	01
13.	2019-2020	05
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Utilization of offset amount

1273. SHRIKALRAJMISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

the details of the offset clause in the recent Defence Procurement Procedures (DPP) 2006;

whether Government has formulated guidelines regarding utilization of such offset amount;

whether Government has constituted any nodal group in the Ministry to channelise the offset amount; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Government promulgated Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2006 with effect from 1st September, 2006 to ensure expeditious procurement of the approved requirements of the Armed Forces in terms of capabilities south and time frame prescribed. Procedure for implementing Offset

Provisions is part of DPP-2006. Offset clause is applicable for all procurement proposals where indicative cost is Rs. 300 crore or more and the schemes are categorized as 'Buy (Global)' involving outright purchase from foreign/Indian vendors and 'Buy and Make with Transfer of Technology' i.e. Purchase from foreign vendor follwed by licensed Production. A uniform offset of 30% of the indicative cost of the acquisition in 'Buy (Global)' category acquisitions and 30% of the foreign exchange component in 'Buy and Make' category acquisitions will be minimum required value of the offset. The Defence Acquisition Council may, after due deliberations, also prescribe varying offset percentages above 30% for different classes of cases or for individual cases depending upon the factors involved such as strategic importance of the acquisition or technology, enhanced ability of Indian defence industry to absorb the offset, export potential generated etc. Offset obligations are to be discharged directly by any combination of the following methods:

(i) Direct purchase of, or executing export orders-for defence products and components manufactured by, or services provided by, Indian defence industries, i.e. Defence Public Sector Undertakings, the Ordnance Factory Board, and any private defence industry manufacturing these products or components under an industrial licence granted for such manufacture. For the purpose of defence offset, "services" will mean maintenance, overhaul, upgradation, life extension, engineering, design, testing, defence related software or quality assurance services.

(ii) Direct foreign investment in Indian defence industries for industrial infrastructure for services, co-development, joint ventures and co-production of defence products.

(iii) Direct foreign investment in Indian organizations engaged in research in Defence Research & Development as certified by Defence Offset Facilitation Agency (DOFA).

Government has constituted Defence Offset Facilitation Agency (DOFA) with a charter to:—

Facilitate implementation of the offsets policy.

Assist in vetting of offset proposals technically.

Assist in monitoring the offset provisions.

Suggest improvements in the policy and procedures.

Interact with Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and Service Headquarters.

Advise, in consultation with the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, Services and Defence Research and Development Organization, areas in which offsets will be preferred.

Promote exports of defence products and services.

(h) Provide advisory clarifications on the policy and procedures.

Vacancies in the armed forces

1274. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies at present in the armed forces;